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'Best of Wabash **County' nominations** are due by noon Thursday

It's time to nominate your favorite local businesses to the Best of Wabash County contest. Categories are listed under 10 groups including Greatest Entertainment, Greatest Food, Greatest People, Greatest Businesses, Greatest Auto Services, Greatest Home Services, Greatest Personal Care Services, Greatest Local Shopping, Greatest Financial Services and Greatest Medical Services. All nominations and voting are done online. Please visit https://wabash plaindealer.secondstree tapp.com/Wabash-Countys -Greatest-2021/to get started. Nominations are due no later than noon Thursday, Oct. 14. After round one nominations are completed

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Commissioners approve a new commercial solar ordinance

Setbacks will be proportional to the size of any proposed developments

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Tuesday's Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, a new solar ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Planning Commission director Mike Howard said the process began in May and had been narrowed "down to

os of how to approach this at of setbacks. In a proportional, person spoke in favor of solar this time."

held a special meeting Thursday evening, during which tional setbacks at this time." they adopted the proposed ordinance. In late June, the commis-

sioners had placed a moratorium on new commercial out. solar energy projects while being crafted.

considered two different sets of setbacks for solar farms.

similar to what other coun-

the larger the solar, the larg-The Planning Commission er the setbacks. The board wanted to go with propor-

> Howard said it was important to have language in place for the time being while the details were being worked Dawes.

"We had a couple of questhe proposed ordinance was tions at the meeting that cepted unanimously, and the Howard said they had since that haven't had answered. the rules to have an imme-"One set of setbacks were ordinance in place," said dissent. Howard.

farms at Thursday's meeting.

"The other members of the public were opposed. They said they don't want them here. So that was kind of the guidance that we've been getting from the public," said

After a short discussion, the proposed ordinance was acwe'd like to have answered commissioners suspended We thought it was at least diate second reading, which important to at least get the was also approved without

> Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealchairman at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

Squire Band advances to the finals

ISSMA Scholastic Finals set for Monday, Oct. 25

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Saturday, the Man-

chester High School (MHS) Squire Band advanced to the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Scholastic Finals. Band director Jeff Huber

said the band received a gold rating at ISSMA Scholastic Prelims at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne. This is the sixth time in eight

seasons that the band has advanced to the finals. On Saturday, bands had to

receive a gold rating by scor-

ing over 53 points to advance to finals. Huber said the band missed receiving a special "with dis-

tinction" award for music by two-tenths of a point. ISSMA Scholastic Finals will take place Monday, Oct. 25 at Franklin Central High

School. "Two years ago, the band's season ended at Homestead when the band came up just short of advancing to finals

streak," said Huber. The band will perform its "Western Adventure Show" at the last home football game

snapping a three-year finalist

The 2021 Squire Band is 32 members strong with 15 woodwinds, nine brass players, three percussionists and

The band is a five-time ISS-MA Scholastic Class B Finalist in 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

four guards.

The Squire Band's competition season started at Goshen High School on Saturday, Sept. 11. The band won its class Scholastic B and swept all captions for Best Music, Best Visual and Best Effect.

Before that, it had been almost two years since the last time they had competed as all Indiana marching band competitions during the 2020 season were canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

On Monday, Sept. 25, the Squire Band placed bands in Scholastic Class B at Carroll High School in their new football stadium. The band took second behind Whitko,

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ties have done," said Howard. Wabash County Board of er editor, may be reached by email "We also created what we Commissioners a couple of different scenari- called a proportional group Jeff Dawes said only one com.



On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4, in conjunction with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, WACT will share its biennial Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater in the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall.

Local arts group plans several upcoming shows for this year and beyond

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT)

North Manchester

signage follows a

similar update in

By ROB BURGESS

North Manchester.

manager Whitney

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash this summer

For the second time this

year, a new gateway bill-

board has been installed in

Wabash County – this time in

On Friday, Visit Wabash

County marketing and brand

spaugh said the updated

gateway billboard directing

travelers to visit North Man-

chester has been installed

has just concluded yet another show, but that doesn't mean they're resting by any means.

In February, the group including Felix Unger in

New billboard greets motorists

ment event, "Love Letters," son's directorial debut af- tress" and more. ter having been featured in several recent WACT May, Robinson directed a productions as an actor,

completed their Valentine's the 2019 spring production Day weekend dinnertain- of "The Odd Couple," the King in the fall 2018 muwhich was Brett Robin- sical "Once Upon a Mat-

In late April and early

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Monster Mash planned at Manchester Univ.

Event for local children planned from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University Monster Mash trick or treat is on the Manchester Mall again this year for local children.

It is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28.

If weather moves activities inside the Cordier Auditorium Lobby, all participants will be required to wear a face mask and practice social

The Monster Mash Haunted Forest is also making a return this year. It is 7:30 to 9:30 in the wooded trails near Schwalm Hall.

Both are free and open to the public. Young children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The spooky Haunted Forest might be too scary for some children.

Manchester asks community members to bring canned good donations. A donation is not required, and any food collected will go toward feeding those in need.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.



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See BILLBOARD, page A2 Manchester has been installed along Indiana 15. If you aren't getting the service you need,

The updated gateway billboard directing travelers to visit North

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Beacon Credit Union to celebrate Member Appreciation Day

Wabash and North Manchester Member Centers plan festivities for Thursday **STAFF REPORT**

announced Member Appreciation Day 2021, according to community relations 14.

specialist Kelly Stuber.

"This year marks 90 years of serving their member-owners. They look forward to celebrating and hearing your memories along with giveaways and games," said Stuber.

Stuber said the Wabash and North Manchester Member Beacon Credit Union has Centers will celebrate with members during regular business hours on Thursday, Oct.

Located in Wabash at 641 S Miami St., and 100 Wedcor Ave.; and in North Manchester at 1301 Indiana 114 West; "members can expect food, fun and a great day with Beacon Credit Union staff," said

"Stay tuned to social media for more Beacon Credit Union Member Appreciation Day dates and photos," said

IN BRIEF

VFW Post No. 286 to host fish fry Friday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 in Wabash will host a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, cowboy beans, coleslaw and hush puppies.

The cost will be \$10 per person. It will be open to the public. Carryout will be available. Registration will be from For more information, call 260-563-2463.

Somerset Lions Club plans euchre event

The Somerset Lions Club has planned a euchre event for Saturday, Oct. 23 in the Somerset Community Building, 21 W. Old Slocum Trail, Somerset, according to Boots

The entry fee will be \$10. Somerset Lions projects.

noon to 12:45 p.m. Play will begin at 1 p.m.

'Come for an afternoon of cards and fun," said Jack.

Cash prizes will be awarded for Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two drawings for the entry fee. Soft drinks, hot dogs, cook-

ies and chips will be available for a donation.

The proceeds will promote



Provided photo

The cost is \$49 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment.

WACT

Abbot's classic comedy holiday.

"Play On!" After that it was on to the fall musical production of 'Sister Act," its first fall musical in two years on the last weekend of September in the Honeywell Center Ford Theater, in "a production that was seen by hundreds of patrons across three offerings," said WACT board vice president Eric Seaman.

And now, four more productions are already in the works by the local nonprofit arts organization.

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4, in conjunction with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, WACT will share its biennial Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater in the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall.

"The Lord and Lady of Honeywell Manor invite you to partake in this festive holiday celebration, this year with an entirely new script," according to the show's description. "Dine amongst royalty with a delicious feast accompanied by live comedy, music, and entertainment. Wear your finest period clothing to participate in the costume contest, a new addition this year. You will be entertained by their majesties' singers, performers, and of course, the jester."

The cost is \$49 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased through the Honeywell Center Box Office, 275 W. Market St., by phone at 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honey wellarts.org.

"This show is a great way to not only have a great meal with your family and friends but to also get in the Christmas spirit three weeks before the holiday," Seaman said. "We're really anxious to share this new script with the community.

This is always such a fun

production with all of the

period clothes, music and

theatre. You don't want to

miss it."

Looking to 2022, WACT will put on another "dinnertainment" production tion for the organization to WACT production of Rick around the Valentine's Day not only store its assets but

Under the direction of veteran Angelina Funk, WACT will share "I Hate Shakespeare!" at the Charley Creek Inn in downtown Wabash the weekend leading up to Valentine's Day from Feb. 11 to 13,

"A hilarious, fast-paced look at Shakespeare, the production is a collection of vignettes that spoofs the historic writer's work, with a modern twist," said Sea-

Tickets for this show will be on sale in January.

Afterward, Robinson will reprise his role as director this upcoming spring with "The Dining Room," a production from American playwright A.R. Gurney "that looks at how the dining room has changed in American culture, prominently with upper-middle-class families, through the 20th century," said Seaman.

"The Dining Room" was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1985. Gurney also wrote "Love Letters."

"We did 'The Dining Room' when I was in high school," Robinson said. "It takes place in a single dining room of a house, but through nearly 20 scenes and corresponding families. It shows how much the role of the family dining room changed through all of these families."

Seaman said after more than 20 years, WACT will once again produce "one of the most celebrated musicals of all time" for its 2022 fall musical - "Guys and

Seaman said more details will be announced in next year.

These productions come after the WACT announced earlier this year that after two decades of searching they finally have a place to call home as Vanderpool signed paperwork Thursday, Feb. 25 to obtain the property at 1620 to 1640 S.

Wabash St.

Seaman said this building will serve as a central locato have a creative space as

WACT annually produces at least three or four shows in Wabash, including a fall musical, a straight-play spring comedy and Christmas programming, as well as variety programming and 'dinnertainment" opportu-

Seaman said the South Wabash Street property is located near Nancy J's Fabrics, B-K Root Beer and Kitchens Plus, just south of Shady Lane Drive. Upon the 0.63-acre plot of land are two structures that will be used to house their supplies and "create a legacy of perpetuity for WACT.'

Seaman said in total, the main building on the property features 9,900 square feet of space. The property also features a 1,260-square-foot pole frame building, as well as a large parking lot.

Seaman said there aren't any plans for WACT to create a performing arts center on the property due to existing amenities in the area.

Seaman said those who would like to support the project can do so by sending a check to Wabash Area Community Theater at P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992, with "Building" in the memo line. For those who would like to give online, a GoFundMe page titled "WACT Building Fundraiser" has also been created for the project. It can be found on the Wabash Area Community Theater Facebook page or by searching on www.gofundme.com.

Those who are interested in making a gift, but would like more information, may contact Bev Vanderpool by email at vanderpob@yahoo. com or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at beth@wabashmillers.com or by calling 260-568-1128. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplain

dealer.com.



Few Showers 81 / 63

77 / 66 **Sun and Moon** Today's sunset 7:06 p.m.





Wednesday

Mostly Cloudy









75 / 52

5-Day Weather Summary

Showers Likely







Sunny 64 / 43

62 / 44 **Detailed Local Outlook**

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 76°, humidity of 61%. South southeast wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 66°. South southeast wind 8 mph.

BAND

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beating out Bremen and Heritage.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Squire Band won Best Music and placed second in Scholastic Class B at Plymouth High School. Tri-County narrowly placed ahead of Manchester, with Wawasee placing third and Heritage fourth.

Senior drum major Alyssa Marvel said it felt "absolutely amazing" to advance to finals this year.

"Every single member of the band has worked so hard this year and persevered through many challenges, so it is great to get the gratification of moving on to finals," said Marvel.

Marvel said the most challenging part of the season this year was "dealing with COVID-19 and different people getting quarantined."

"People were constantly in and out, and we never definitively knew which people would be able to compete at a competition and which would not. Nevertheless, the staff and band did a phenomenal job at dealing with this and worked extremely hard to have a successful season despite all the challenges in our way," said Marvel.

Marvel said due to these obseason than years past.

"Two years ago, the band did not advance to finals, and last year we barely had a sea-Marvel. "So, this has been get back into it and especial- hard work paid off."



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The band received a gold rating at ISSMA Scholastic Prelims at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne.

ly advance to finals. We had a lot of things to overcome this season and it would have been easy to lay down and let those overcome us. But, every member of the band chose to fight through those hardships and because of that, we have had one of the most successful seasons ever in recent years. It has definitely been the most fun and stacles, it was a very different special season for me, and it is especially bittersweet now as our season comes to an end soon."

Fellow senior drum major son due to COVID-19," said Emma Pyle said advancing to the finals was a "breath of such a rewarding season to fresh air knowing that all our at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

"After many challenges this year, I'm excited to know we pushed through and our band will get to perform one more time," said Pyle.

Pyle said this season has been much more fulfilling than others, for obvious rea-

"We actually got to compete this year, and we performed well every time," said Pyle. "The sense of family I have gotten from the students this year has been overwhelmingly positive, I hope to see more students join in the future."

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email



Bands had to receive a gold rating by scoring over 53 points to advance to finals. The band missed receiving a special "with distinction" award for music by two-tenths of a point.

BILLBOARD

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along Indiana 15. In July, similar billboards were introduced in Wabash in partnership with the city of Wabash and Visit Wabash County. Nearly 15,000 vehicles travel the Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 corridor every day, and there was an influx of vehicular traffic during the summer months due to lake traffic, Millspaugh said.

Millspaugh said nearly 10,000 vehicles travel north along the Indiana 15 every day, with a similar lake-related influx during the summer months.

"A piece of our marketing scope of work includes a call to action to vehicular traffic to engage with the North

Manchester community," said Millspaugh. "We understand that our relationship with a visitor starts the moment they enter a community, therefore, gateway signage is critical. It's one of the first impressions." Visit Wabash County exec-

utive director Christine Flohr said the gateway program is integrated within Visit Wabash County's marketing budget. "Translating the amenities

of North Manchester into a creative display is really thrilling for me," said Katie Jones, Creative Lead for Visit Wabash County. "You have four seconds to impact vehicular traffic when they pass a billboard. I knew the graphics needed to translate well and create a sense of place."

Millspaugh said this latest com.

gateway billboard project is a partnership with the town of North Manchester and Visit Wabash County "as part of an extensive marketing plan to engage visitors and residents alike."

"The North Manchester community is grateful to Visit Wabash County and the staff for updating the billboard," said North Manchester town manager Adam Penrod. 'Physical billboards remain a great marketing tool even as digital marketing continues to expand. The new, colorful sign definitely catches your eye and puts North Manchester into the minds of travelers even if for a brief few seconds."

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Obituaries

Pamela Kay (Bakehorn/Townsend) Harman

Sept. 29, 1951 - Oct. 9, 2021

Pamela Kay (Bakehorn/ Townsend) Harman, age 70, beloved wife and mother, passed away peacefully Oct. 9, 2021 at her home. She was born Sept. 29, 1951, and grew up in Wabash, IN with her parents, Joseph and Barbara (Martin) Bakehorn and sister Linda.

Pam resided in Elkhart, IN for over 20 years where she worked as a house painter. She later cleaned houses while raising her children. Her recent years were spent in Union, MI with her husband Tim Myers, FL. She was preafter their marriage on ceded in death by her fa-June 24, 2006. Together ther, Joseph Bakehorn of they made many memories riding motorcycles across the country, riding less and loving person, through every state except who enjoyed taking care Delaware.

Surviving Pam are her hard-working, er of LaFontaine, IN; dearly missed. Todd (Tammy) Houser of LaFontaine, IN; Dan-Barbara Bakehorn of Wa- homes.com.



bash, IN and sister Linda Sue (Gary) Vigar of Fort Wabash, IN.

Pam was a caring, selfof others. She was a husband, Timothy Har- child of God, who loved man of Union, MI; sons her husband, children and Jeremy (Brandy) Hous- grandchildren. She will be

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, iel (Ash-lee) Townsend 2021 at 11:00 AM at New of Elkhart, IN; daugh- Life Christian Center, ter Tameka (Juan) Perez 15685 IN-120, Bristol IN of Glen Burnie, MD; 46507. In lieu of flowers, step-children Kyle (Kelly) donations in Pam's mem-Harman of Grand Rapids, ory may be made to Car-MI; Lance (Sarah) Har- ing Circle Hospice, 4025 man of Rockford, MI; Health Park Lane, St. Holli (Matt) Adams of Joseph, MI 49085, or to Longmont, CO; and Ja- the church. You may view son Harman of Vandalia, Pam's Memorial page, MI. Also surviving are sign her guestbook, and 16 grandchildren, 7 great leave a message for her grandchildren, her mother family at www.eleyfuneral

Phyllis Cole

June 18, 1929 - Oct. 7, 2021

Phyllis Cole, age 92 of Converse passed away on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021 in her home. Phyllis was born

June 18, 1929 in Converse, Indiana the Dorotha Buckalew, Doris and Altha May (Leckrone) Cochran. She married Robert Cole on June from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

the Moose Lodge of Wa- ana. Funeral Services will bash; the Eagle's Lodge begin at Noon with Pastor and the Wabash Bowling Mike Williams officiating. Association, where she received a 25 year member Oaklawn Cemetery, N. plaque.

She is survived by a son Auginbaugh, Denise the donor's choice. Boyd and Diana Dye, and; 11 great grandchildren and and 8 great-great grand- the children.

She was also preceded choate.com

in death by a son, Dick Shaffer; a brother, Paul Benny Cochran; and sisters, Iretha Scott, Maxine Dicken, Velma Mullett.

daughter of the late John Hursh and Helen Louise Visitation will take place

6, 1959, and he preceded on Thursday, Oct. 14, her in death on October 7, 2021 at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 W. Phyllis was a member of Kem Road, Marion, Indi-Burial will follow in Manchester, Indiana.

Memorial contributions daughter, Cindy (Jerry) may be made to the Mari-Auginbaugh of Converse; on-Grant County Humane a sister, Janet Hyatt of Society, 505 S. Miller New Albany, Ohio; grand- Avenue, Marion, Indiana children, Jeremy and Ja- 46952; or to a charity of Online memories

condolences family may shared at www.raven

Lucia L. Fierstos

passed away on Oct. 11,

Mass Burial service will be ana 46992. held at 10:00 a.m. on McDonald Graveside interment will ments. follow at Mississinewa Online Memorial Cemetery.

2021, from 4:00 p.m. .com.

Lucia L. Fierstos, 88, to 7:00 p.m. with Recformerly of Somerset, itation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls of Christian Avenue, Wabash, Indi-

Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, Homes, Wabash, have at St. Bernard Catho- been trusted with Lucia lic Church, in Wabash. Fierstos' final arrange-

condolences may be directed to Calling hours will the family at www. be Thursday, Oct. 14, mcdonaldfunerals

Jay Bruce Young

Dec. 13, 1921 - Oct. 4, 2021

diana, passed away Oct. Bruce influenced your 4, 2021 at Timbercrest life and how you can do Healthcare Center in the same for others. North Manchester. The The family of Jay on Dec. 13, 1921 to the ments. late Samuel L. and Mary Cathrine (Baker) Young. At the wishes of Bruce, .com

Jay Bruce Young, 99, no services will be held. North Manchester, In- Instead, think of ways

The family of Jay Bruce voungest of three chil- Young has entrusted dren, Bruce was born in McKee Mortuary with Wabash County, Indiana care and final arrange-

> Condolences may be emailed to mckeemortuary

Phillip Leon Schroll

Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Thursday.

Services for Phillip Leon Chapel, Roann. Burial will Schroll will be 2 pm, be in Chili Cemetery, Chili, Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at Indiana. Visitation 1-2 pm

Advice shifting on aspirin use for preventing heart attacks

By LINDSEY TANNER Associated Press

Older adults without heart disease shouldn't take daily low-dose aspirin to prevent a ter. first heart attack or stroke, an group said in preliminary updated advice released Tues-

outweigh any potential benesaid in its draft guidance.

For the first time, the panless clear

meant for people with high cancer is needed. blood pressure, high cholesdoctors about stopping or that advice.

"Aspirin use can cause seriinfluential health guidelines ous harms, and risk increases with age," he said.

If finalized, the advice for older adults would backtrack Bleeding risks for adults in on recommendations the pantheir 60s and up who haven't el issued in 2016 for helping had a heart attack or stroke prevent a first heart attack and stroke, but it would be in line fits from aspirin, the U.S. Pre- with more recent guidelines ventive Services Task Force from other medical groups.

The task force previously said certain people in their el said there may be a small 50s and 60s may want to conbenefit for adults in their 40s sider a daily aspirin to prevent who have no bleeding risks. a first heart attack and stroke, For those in their 50s, the and that they might get propanel softened advice and tection against colorectal said evidence of benefit is cancer, too. The updated life-threatening. guidance says more evidence The recommendations are of any benefit for colorectal

Doctors have long recomterol, obesity or other con- mended daily low-dose asditions that increase their pirin for many patients who chances for a heart attack or already have had a heart at- adults take aspirin even adults should talk with their guidance does not change heart attack or stroke.

expert at Tufts Medical Cen- and then make a final deci- tential harms. sion.

> disease-prevention experts analyzes medical research and literature and issues periodic advice on measures to help keep Americans healthy. Newer studies and a re-analysis of older research prompted the updated advice, Wong

pain reliever but it is also a blood thinner that can reduce chances for blood clots. But aspirin also has risks, even at low doses - mainly bleeding in the digestive tract or ulcers, both of which can be

Dr. Lauren Block, an internist-researcher at Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research in Manhasset, New York, said the guidance is important because so many

Block, who is not on the changes over time.'

starting aspirin to make sure The guidance was posted task force, recently switched it's the right choice for them, online to allow for public one of her patients from aspisaid task force member Dr. comments until Nov. 8. The rin to a cholesterol-lowering John Wong, a primary-care group will evaluate that input statin drug because of the po-

> The patient, 70-year-old The independent panel of Richard Schrafel, has high blood pressure and knows about his heart attack risks. Schrafel, president of a paperboard-distribution business, said he never had any ill effects from aspirin, but he is taking the new guidance seriously.

> Rita Seefeldt, 63, also has Aspirin is best known as a high blood pressure and took a daily aspirin for about a decade until her doctor told her two years ago to stop. "He said they changed their

minds on that," recalled the retired elementary school teacher from Milwaukee. She said she understands that science evolves.

Wong acknowledged that the backtracking might leave some patients frustrated and wondering why scientists can't make up their minds.

"It's a fair question," he stroke. Regardless of age, tack or stroke. The task force though they have never had a said. "What's really important to know is that evidence

Texas order reflects growing mandates hostility

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — With the governor of Texas leading the charge, conservative Republicans in several states are moving to block or unfor private employers before the regulations are even issued.

federal government is firing can Party base, even though already decided on their own than 700,000, White House to require their workers to get press secretary Jen Psaki ac-

The dustup will almost cerpolitics ahead of safety. tainly end up in court since vowed to sue once the rule is unveiled.

The courts have long upheld vaccine mandates, and the Constitution gives the federal government the upper hand over the states, but with the details still unannounced and the bench, the outcome isn't entirely clear. On Monday, Texas Gov.

Greg Abbott issued an executive order barring private companies or any other entity from requiring vaccines. It was perhaps the most direct challenge a month ago that workers at than 100 employees would have to get either vaccinated or tested weekly for the coro-

pel receipt of a COVID-19

White House brushed off Abbott's order, saying the question of whether state law could supersede dercut President Joe Biden's federal was settled 160 years COVID-19 vaccine mandates ago during the Civil War. They said they Biden administration will push through the opposome see as overreach by the president's package of mandates, which could affect up to up a segment of the Republi- 100 million Americans in all. the nation's many large employers have COVID-19 death toll of more

GOP attorneys general in when you make a choice that's nearly half of the states have against all public health inforit's not based on what is in the interests of the people you are governing. It is perhaps in the interest of your own politics," she said.

Several large companies in Texas have already implementmore conservative judges on ed their own vaccine mandates, and two Texas-based airlines, Southwest and American, indicated Tuesday they would follow the order of the Biden administration, saying federal action supersedes any state mandate or law.

Elsewhere, lawmakers in Aryet to Biden's announcement kansas have approved a measure creating vaccine-mandate private companies with more exemptions. Though the GOP governor hasn't said whether he will sign it, it has prompted fears businesses will be forced to choose whether to break "No entity in Texas can comfederal or state law.

"We are tying the hands of

who objects to such vaccina- to make their own decision in struction, said he supports tion," Abbott wrote in his or- how best to keep their people safe," said Randy Zook, presofficials ident of the Arkansas Chamber of Commerce. Some of the state's largest companies, all employees get vaccinated. Calls for special legislative

sessions to counter vaccine The growing battle over what sition and put into effect the mandates have been heard in right now. I don't know if states like Wyoming, Kansas and South Dakota, where Republican Gov. Kristi Noem is so far resisting calls to immediately consider a bill that would guarantee people could cused the opposition of putting

> "I think it's pretty clear their jobs, are living in fear," said Republican state Rep. mation and data out there, that clashed with Noem on the isfamily and their own medical freedom." Bills are being introduced

> > or drafted elsewhere too, including swing states like Ohio and New Hampshire, where the Republican sponsor was elected House speaker after his predecessor died of COVID-19. "We have made it clear that

government mandates are not the path to successful vaccination rates and will only cause further division in this country," Speaker Sherm Packard said last month.

taken action, but a record-setting crowd of over 600 people packed a legislative hearing room last week.

Rob Moore, CEO of Salt primary for U.S. Senate.

vaccine by any individual ... Arkansas businesses that want Lake City-based Big-D Convaccines but has questions about the mandate rollout. He already has a worker shortage on his job sites, and he said employee surveys tell him that including Walmart and Tyson nearly 20 percent of his work-Foods, have required some or ers don't want to get inoculated, so they would need to be tested weekly.

"That's heavy on our mind the federal government has thought through that all that well. The cost is going to be enormous," he said.

In other sectors, vaccine requirements have gone smoothly. In Utah, the NBA's Jazz "I hear from people almost is making its employees get daily who are going to lose vaccinated. It is also requiring fans at games to show proof of vaccination or a negative Scott Odenbach, who has COVID test. So far, just a few ticket refunds have been needsue. "They shouldn't have to ed, and the season opener is choose between feeding their expected to be sold out by next week, said Jazz spokesman Frank Zang.

> "I think there's understanding of what's at stake here, in terms of having a safe environment for people to enjoy sports and concerts and shows again," he said.

> While the conservative legislative push may not ultimately succeed in blocking the mandates, it could be a stumbling block and could prove to be another factor pushing the GOP further right.

Abbott's order, for example, comes as he faces criticism In Utah, lawmakers have not from candidates on the right on COVID-19 policies. In Arizona, the attorney general has filed an early lawsuit as he runs in a crowded Republican

Biden to meet the Kenya president as war roils

By AAMER MADHANI and CARA ANNA

Associated Press

ing Kenyan President Uhuru fronts. Kenyatta as war and a humanitarian crisis roil neighthe White House. The Oval Office talks come

just weeks after Biden signed an executive order threatenwind down the 11-month-old

But the situation appears

tary offensive against them solution." in an attempt to end the war. A statement from the Tigray his first one-on-one talks as opian "regular and irregular president with an African fighters" launched a coorleader on Thursday, host- dinated assault on several Kenya, which shares a bor-

der with Ethiopia, has long boring Ethiopia, according to had a strong relationship with the U.S., partnering with Washington in efforts to thwart Islamic terrorism. Kenya currently holds the

ing to levy sanctions against presidency of the U.N. Se-Ethiopian Prime Minister curity Council, a post that Abiy Ahmed and other lead- rotates monthly, one reason ers involved in a conflict why Kenyatta is in the Unitgripping the Tigray region ed States. Kenya also has if steps aren't taken soon to been relatively vocal among African nations on the war in Ethiopia.

Speaking to reporters at the government has launched a tion because we do not be- sis that has killed thousands, long-threatened major mili- lieve that there is any military some now by starvation.

The Biden administration is conducting an interagency external affairs office earlier review as it considers targets WASHINGTON — Presi- this week alleged that hun- that might be hit by sancdent Joe Biden is set to hold dreds of thousands of Ethitions. The review is, in part, to make certain all agencies are "fully on board" with proposed targets, according to a of anonymity to discuss the internal deliberations.

The Biden administration has said it would move forward with sanctions quickly if there is not a dramatic shift on the ground. The United Nations has warned that hundreds of thousands are living in human-made famine-like

conditions as the conflict fes-With Ethiopia's government rejecting international "meddling" in its affairs, to have only worsened on U.N. on Tuesday, Kenyatta recent emphasis has been the ground, with Tigray said the two sides need to placed on trying to find an forces saying Ethiopia's come to "a political resolu- African solution to the cri-

The U.S. and United Nations say Ethiopian troops have prevented passage of trucks carrying food and other aid. Scores of people have starved to death, The Associated Press has reported. The meeting with Kenyatta

comes as the Kenyan leader senior administration official has faced scrutiny over his who spoke on the condition and his family's offshore holdings uncovered in the Pandora Papers. Kenyatta is one of more

than 330 current and former politicians identified as beneficiaries of the secret accounts unveiled in recent reporting by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. The ICIJ found that as Kenyatta publicly campaigned against corruption, his family stowed away about \$30 million in offshore wealth.

The Pandora Papers revelations are expected to be brought up during the Oval Office meeting, the administration official said.



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Wabash boys soccer clinches inaugural sectional title

Apaches will face Carroll on Thursday in the regionals

By CLAY MAXFIELD Wabash Plain Dealer

Freelance Reporter

Wabash's varsity soccer team defeated Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (7-8-3) on Saturday afternoon with a final of 1-0 for the Apaches' first-ever sectional champi-

onship. Coming into sectional play, the Apaches had yet to score a goal in tournament play let alone when getting past the first round so for Wabash head coach Bill Benysh, the win was well worth the wait.

'Sectionals have always been really tough for us," Benysh said. "We're in a sectional with a bunch of private schools. Not to say they inherently have an advantage but they don't have a football program so their best athletes play soccer. We looked at it this year and said this is a chance for us to do it."

"Our offense was clicking on Wednesday and created good opportunities for ourselves today."

The match-clinching goal came in just under 10 minutes into the second half of the championship bout when Solomon France notched just his fifth goal of the season from the top while the Apaches' defense took care of the rest of for the ensuing 30 minutes.

the pivotal score while goalkeeper Greyson Deboard had eight saves in the shutout victory.

For Solomon France, the key to their success throughout the season has been their consistent focus and work ethic while noting that the Apaches aren't complacent

since their taste of success. "We've been working hard in practice and staying focused. We've had our eye on the win. ... Next year it's going to be even better. Troy (Guenin-Hodson) is going to be experienced, Jacob (France) is going to be more experienced. We plan on staying active throughout the offseason," he said.

Jacob France led the team in goals this season with 14 while Guenin-Hodson has tallied seven. Solomon France leads the team in assists with 9.

Wabash was outshot by Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian 16-10.

The Apaches will turn their focus towards the Carroll Cougars, a team that has lost just two matches all season while pummeling Wabash 4-0 at the end of September. The Cougars' Owen Duff



Goalkeeper Greyson Deboard had eight saves in the shutout victory.



Jacob France assisted on Troy Guenin-Hodson has tallied seven goals this season.



Solomon France notched his fifth goal of the season.

in the victory while Mason Salts and Mason Ray scored one apiece. Carroll went into postseason play winning six straight while easing past 5-1 in the first round of sectionals before edging North ship hardware. Despite the tough test ues. They're relentless and

White 4-3 for the champion-

this Thursday, Benysh is confident this team can go far based on the approach

they've had all season long. "It's the selflessness of the Lafayette Central Catholic players," Benysh said. "Everybody's bought into the program, they've bought into what we're preaching

ad far as our core team val-

led the team with two goals that awaits the Apaches selfless. They have a lot of self-discipline. We don't see our guys breaking down mentally on the field, so we've preached that stuff all season and these guys have really bought into what

we're trying to accomplish." Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@ 22:10.9, and Ryan Brunett, wabashplaindealer.com.

Four local cross country teams advance to regionals

By ROY CHURCH

teams and five individual gional action Saturday.

From the Marion Sectionsity, the Wabash boys team 45th in 27:59.5. place third and the Northfield girls team took fifth to advance to the Marion straight year with a 24th-

Southwood's Boardman and Northfield's Layne Denton and Karson Pratt moved on from the Mar was 41st in 26:35.6. boys race and Wabash's Cali Kugler and Ivy Beamer advanced out of the girls gel) Lloyd.

top 10 individuals not on a was possible. Because of qualifying team advance to this, their season continthe next level.

Manchester hosted its standout said. sectional this year and adregional at Culver Academies. The girls took fourth place and the boys fifth.

begin at 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

At Marion, the top three North was runner-up with 49 and Wabash was third Marion (170), Blackford (172),Northfield (213) and Mississinewa (297).

a fourth-place finish be- 24:09.8. hind the winner, Harrison runners. Niswander's winning time was 16:36.21; ley West, 50th in 28:00.7. Vogel came in at 17:05.6.

finished 14th for Wabash in 18:07.8, freshman Perkins was 25th in 18:53.4 and freshman Chase Howfor the Apaches and Kasen Oswalt was 50th in 21:29.1.

"Only one guy (Kaden) had sectional experience," Wabash Head Coach Ryan Evans said. "All the guys freshmen and sophomores.

"I am really happy with how they performed. Jonas and Nick had breakout races," he added. "Kaden and Jace have been consistent.

"All the guys have been putting in the work. This past week at practice was the best of the year to date," the seventh-year coach said. "I look forward to a great race at regional."

It will be Wabash's sixth straight regional appearance.

"We won the sectional and regional titles in 2018 and qualified for semistate four times (2017-2020). And Dereck Vogel (Kaden's brother who now to state in 2018 and 2019," Evans said.

Boardman was 16th in to its 8th-place finish. He teams last year. was followed by Jacob

Danzy, 52nd in 21:52.2. 19:11.7 and Pratt 34th in weather was not favorable 19:46.4 to lead the Norse for racing, but our athto 10th place. Kamden Carletes did enough to survive penter was 40th in 20:06..3; and get to race again next Steven Kowlaczuk, 54th in week." 21:52.6; Alex Reed, 55th in

In the girls race, North-Wabash County will be field was led by Mara sending four cross country Zolman in 22nd place at 23:44.9 and Trinity Bever runners on to IHSAA re- in 23rd in 23:47.1. Madeline Moore was 27th in 24:32.7; Ella Gahl, 29th in al, competed Saturday at 24:49.8; Anna Kissel, 36th Indiana Wesleyan Univer- in 26:06.3, and Asia Miller,

> Kugler, a sophomore, advanced for the second place finish in 23:51, while Casey Beamer, appearing in her first sectional, was 31st in 25:12.2. Junior Grace La

> > The Wabash girls coach is another Vogel, Katelin (Vo-

"The Apache girls did The top five teams and the things they never thought ues," the former Wabash

Addison Wiley of Hunvanced both its teams to the tington North was the winner in 19:28.7, leading the Lady Vikings to the team title with 24 points. East-Both regional meets will brook was runner-up with 69 points, Oak Hill third (71), Blackford fourth (96) and Northfield fifth (133). boys teams were the same Southern Wells was sixth as last year. Oak Hill won (137), Marion seventh with 38 points, Huntington (176) and Madison-Grant eighth (218).

In North Manchester, the with 87. Rounding out the Lady Squires were led by field was Eastbrook (140), two freshmen, Kadence Fox, who was sixth in Madison-Grant 20:47.7, and Ayla Cash-(186), Southwood (189), dollar, who was 13th in Southern Wells (196), 21:12.3. Rounding out the scoring was Josie Briner, 22nd in 22:03.5; Kambree Sophomore Kaden Vo- Cashdollar, 30th in 23:12.4 gel led the Apaches with and Evyn Fox, 35th in

Rounding out the Man-Niswander of Huntington chester contingent were North, and two Oak Hill Miriam Struble-Hedstrom, 42nd in 24:59.2, and Ash-

Sophomore Josefina Ra-Freshman Jonas Church strelli of No.16-ranked Warsaw won the race in 19:28.5, leading her team Jace Bullins was 18th in to victory with 31 points. 18:20.1, sophomore Nick Rochester, the Three Rivers Conference champion a week ago, was runner-up ard was 26th in 19:00.7. with 60 points, Culver Braydon French was 38th Academies was third (64), Manchester fourth (93), Plymouth fifth (125) and Caston sixth (159).

Five schools did not have complete teams.

Warsaw also won the boys running Saturday were title with 34 points. Culver Academies was runner-up with 57, Plymouth third (73), Rochester fourth (90) and Manchester fifth (109). Caston was sixth (175), Tippecanoe Valley seventh (197) and Triton eighth (221).

Rochester and Manchester finish 1-2 in the TRC meet and Wabash was third.

Junior Raven King led the Squires, finishing 12th in 18:05.8. Code Jones was 20th in 18:34; Lane Stetzel, 24th in 19:10.7; Jacob Hesting, 25th in 19:11.5; Kyler Dale, 28th in 19:23.9; Caden Marcum, 32nd in 19:48.2, and Caleb Smith, 39th in 20:58.1.

Samuel Tullis, a Culver runs for IU Kokomo) went Academies senior, won the race in 16:44.

Manchester, under 15year head coach Jody Sar-18:15.8 to lead the Knights ber, also advanced both

"While it is always hard Marlow, 36th in 19:54.6; to come back from an Luke Andrews, 42nd in emotionally driven week 20:23.4; Landon Mitchell, of conference, our teams 43rd in 20:32.7, and Devin raced well," Sarber said. "We had a slightly harder Denton was 30th in week at practice, and the

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Manchester football shuts out Yellow Jackets on Homecoming

The Spartans improved to 2-0 in HCAC play

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University football team shut out visiting Defiance College 22-0 on Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, Oct. 9.

A packed Spartan Stadium was treated to a stout defensive effort by the Black and Gold. The Spartans held Defiance to just 204 yards of total offense – including just 74 yards rushing. Both Jalen Masden, from Evansville and Harrison High School, and Devontay Moore, from Indianapolis and North Central High School, made 10 tackles in the game. Moore added 4.5 tackles-for-loss and 2.5 sacks, while also forcing and recovering a 70 yards for a touchdown. fumble. Manchester's defense racked up 7 tackles- the Black and Gold came off for-loss and 4.0 sacks on the steady foot of the current fense was kept out of the the afternoon. Willis Sands Heartland Collegiate Ath- end zone on Saturday, Black Jr., from Miramar, Florida, and Jabari Webb, from Villa Special Teams Player of the vid Smith, from Indianapo-Rica, Georgia, added 8 and 7 tackles, respectively.



Towards the end of the 2nd quarter, sophomore Jamaal Hubbard, from Russelville, Alabama, intercepted Jordan Ambrose's pass and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown.

day was also courtesy of field goal attempts on Saturits strong defense. Towards day, knocking kicks in from the end of the 2nd quarter, respective distances of 41, sophomore Jamaal Hubbard, from Russelville, Alabama, intercepted Jordan Am- for most field goals made brose's pass and returned it in a game was six, set back

The remaining 15 points for Rhodes College. letic Conference (HCAC) Week senior Andrew Kibler, lis and North Central High from Cape Coral, Florida, School, did rush for 124 Manchester's lone visit and Mariner High School, yards on 19 carries. Manto the end zone on Satur- Kibler went a perfect 5-5 on chester rushed for 152 yards University.

38, 25, 34, and 25 yards. The NCAA Division III record in 1984 by Jim Hever of

While Manchester's of- Cincinnati. and Gold running back Da-

on Saturday afternoon. Winners of back-to-back

contests, the Spartans improved to 2-0 in HCAC play this season. Manchester (2-3, 2-0 HCAC) will head to Mount St. Joseph University for a 1:30 p.m. Saturday showdown with the Lions in

Defiance (0-5, 0-2 HCAC) will travel to Hanover College this weekend for a 1:30 p.m. Saturday matchup with the Panthers.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester

SCOREBOARD

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MU women's soccer drops HCAC road match at Hanover

By DILLON BENDER

on the road in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play at Ha- 2, 3-0-0 HCAC. The Pannover College on Saturday, thers haven't suffered a de-

thers took Saturday's match HCAC) will travel to by a final score of 4-0.

two goals from Josie Dat- matchup with the Fightin' tilo (third minute) and Engineers. Nora Ludwig (11th minthe other two goals for the University.

22nd and 61st minutes. Day The Manchester Universileads the conference and ty women's soccer team fell ranks sixth nationally with 13 goals.

Panthers, scoring in the

Hanover improved to 8-0feat in 17 straight contests.

The league-leading Pan- Manchester (2-8, 1-3 Rose-Hulman at 7 p.m. Hanover scored its first Wednesday, Oct. 13 for a

Dillon Bender is the sports inforute). Maggie Day scored mation director for Manchester

Manchester volleyball knocked off at Earlham on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University volleyball team was in Saturday's match. Maknocked off in four sets at ria Young finished with 20 Earlham College on Satur- kills. Giselle Mora added day, Oct. 9.

The Quakers defended of 25-16, 25-17, 23-25, and day. She also added a team-

Samantha a pair of solo blocks and block assists.

Carly Ripberger, from 5, 2-1 with the win. Tipton, finished the match with 19 assists while He- mation director for Manchester laina Walters, from Mari-

on, led Manchester with 12

The host Quakers hit .211 14 kills for Earlham. Erin Wagner, Earlham's all-time their home court by claim- leader in assists, finished ing the match by set scores with 38 helpers on Satur-

high 14 digs. Campbell, Manchester (8-10, 0-3 from Brownsburg, led the HCAC) will look for its Manchester offense with first conference win of the 11 kills on the strength of a season on Wednesday, Oct. .296 swinging percentage. 13. The Black and Gold She added a solo block and are scheduled to host the block assist. Carley Camp, Defiance Yellow Jackets from Logansport, added in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena at

Earlham improved to 13-

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Spartan soccer edged by HCAC-leading Hanover

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's soccer team dropped a narrow 1-0 decision on the road at Brunkow, from Indianapo-HCAC-leading Hanover lis and Heritage Christian College on Saturday, Oct.

The host Panthers scored the lone goal of the match in the 77th minute. Hanover's Josh Hughes converted a penalty kick, scoring for the fourth time this season.

The Panthers led 19-7 in shots taken on Saturday afternoon. Of Manchester's seven shots in Saturday's match, two were placed Oct. 13 in Spartan Stadium. on goal. Matt Brown, from Carmel, and Harley Kruschwitz, from North Man-

chester and Manchester High School, both placed a shot on goal to lead the Spartan offense.

Manchester goalie Aidan High School, made five saves in between the posts on Saturday.

Hanover also led 10-3 in corner kicks taken.

The Panthers improved 8-3-1 overall with the win. Hanover sits a perfect 4-0-0 in HCAC play this season. Manchester (5-6-1, 2-2-0

HCAC) will host Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

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From page A4

Coming to the Marion regional from Bellmont will be Bellmont, Bishop Lu-Woodlan for the boys race and Fort Wayne South Side, Norwell, South Adams, Adon the girls side.

Joining the Culver regional from Logansport will be Northwestern, Lewis easily. Cass, Western, Pioneer and Winamac on the boys side and Western, Maconaquah, Northwestern in the girls

Semistate on the Hunting-

ton University course and Culver qualifiers proceed to the New Prairie Semistate.

In other sectional action Saturday, the No. 1-ranked and defending state champion Columbus North ers, Norwell, Bluffton and boys won easily at Brown County. Former Northfield standout Andy Keffaber is the assistant coach. The ams Central and Woodlan Bull Dogs put all seven runners in the top 11 finishers. The No.1-ranked Colum-

bus North girls also won Brownsburg,

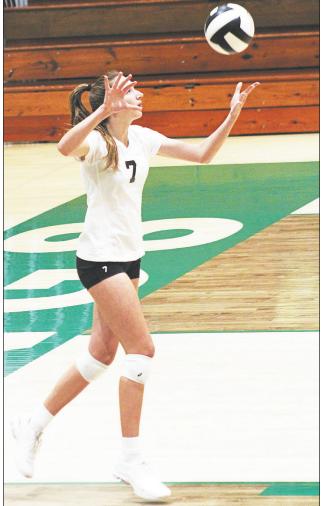
At No.18-ranked Avon girls won going away. They Winamac, Lewis Cass and took first, second, fourth, seventh and ninth. Former Wabash standout Mary Qualifiers from Marion (Cosby) Abramson and her advance to the New Haven daughter, Makayla, are assistant coaches.



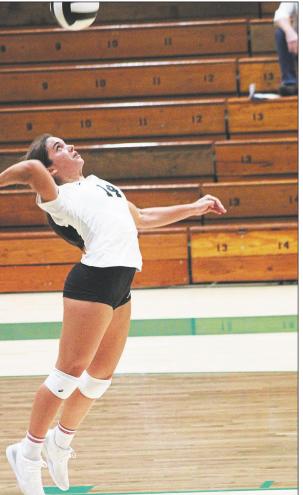
SOUTHWOOD VOLLEYBALL

DEFEATS TIPPECANOE VALLEY

Photos by Patrick Murphy / Rochester Sentinel Southwood Knight volleyball players congratulate each other after earning a point during Thursday's match against the Tippecanoe Valley Vikings. The Knights won and claimed the Three Rivers Conference (TRC) title outright.



one ace out of 21 serves.



LEFT: Grace Drake serves for Southwood against the Tippecanoe Valley Vikings on Thursday. Drake served 16 times during the

match with no aces. RIGHT: Alaina Winer jumps to serve in Thursday's match against the Tippecanoe Valley Vikings. Winer made

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Kiltwearing Scot endures repeated assaults

DEAR ABBY: I married a proud Scotsman a year ago who often wears kilts. When we go out, women think nothing of coming over and lifting his kilt, which exposes him to anyone who has a visual

advantage. These womscream with glee and then become physically aggressive with their hands. Frankly, am shocked



and horrified anyone would do this.

The last time it happened a woman ripped his kilt off and the police became involved. Originally, the police were going to charge my husband with indecent exposure. After several hours, it became clear that it was the woman who assaulted my husband. The police then kinda laughed it off. They didn't plan on doing anything further. We were furious.

Why is there a double standard that women feel they can lift a man's kilt to expose him and call it fun, yet the same women would scream sexual assault if a man lifted their skirt? Women need to understand that lifting a man's kilt is sexual assault and should be treated as the crime it is. Now, every time a woman does it, we immediately call the police and report the crime. The perpetrators are then shocked and angry that they are being arrested for a sex crime for something they thought was innocent fun and games. Your column reaches many readers. With your help, we can help women understand that doing this is unacceptable. - Double Standard

DEAR DOUBLE: It is no more acceptable to lift a man's kilt "in the name of fun" than it would be to pull his trousers down. I hope any person reading this, who didn't have the common sense to know better, will take note and respect the personal space of Scotsmen and ALL individuals. (It beats finding one's name on a sex offender registry.)

DEAR ABBY: My parents did well financially. Mom passed away 20 years ago. My brother has always been unstable. He's a violent, abusive drug addict and a con artist. Dad was extremely ill during his last few years. My brother abused him, stole his meds, refused to support him and ordered Dad to get out of his life. So he did. Dad wrote my brother out of his will and left everything to me. My brother carries a weapon and, for my family's sake, I have cut contact. Distant family think I haven't been fair by separating myself from him and not splitting the inheritance. Am I wrong?

- Heiress In Missouri **DEAR HEIRESS:** You are not "wrong"; you are inand prudent. telligent Your sibling has repeatedly demonstrated that he is nothing but trouble and he isn't going to change. You stated that the family members who are urging you be closer to an armed felon are "distant." If you are as smart as I think you are, you will ignore their bad advice and cease contact with them, too.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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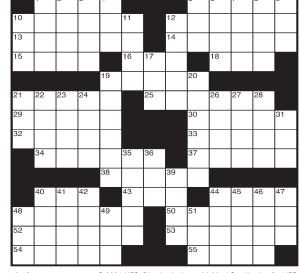
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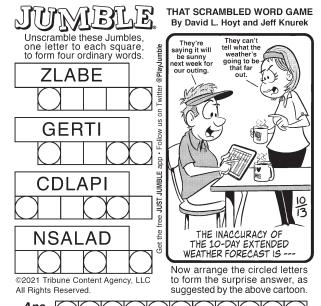


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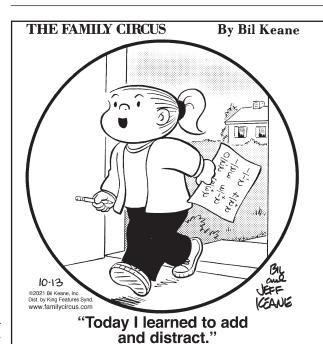
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(Answers tomorrow) MINOR DIGEST CANOLA Jumbles: GIDDY Saturday's When NYC's train station terminal held a piano Answer: concert, people had a - GRAND OLD TIME



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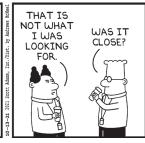




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When it comes to God's truth, there is no such thing as staying neutral

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why do Christians contend that Jesus is the only way to truth? There are so many religions in the world with historical figureheads. My

conclusion is to remain Billy neutral on Graham choosing one over the other. My Answer -R.S.

A:

When it comes to God's truth, there is no such thing as staying neutral. Peter Lar-

son wrote, "The life of Jesus is bracketed by two impossibilities: a virgin womb and an empty tomb.

There are many who acknowledge Jesus as a historical figure, but He is more. Someone wrote, "Buddha

never claimed to be God.

Moses never claimed to be

Jehovah. Mohammed never

claimed to be Allah. Yet Je-

in search of the truth." Jesus said, "I am the Truth." Confucius said, "I never claimed to be holy." Jesus said, "Who convicts me of sin?" Mohammed said, "Unless God throws his cloak over me, I have no hope." Jesus said, "Unless you believe in me, you will die in your sins." An old monastery in In-

worshiped by Buddhists. Muslims point with pride to

sus Christ claimed to be the Mecca, where the body of true and living God." Buddha their prophet is buried. Folsimply said, "I am a teacher lowers of Confucius revere the remains of their master, who is buried in an imposing tomb at Shandong, China. But what distinguishes Christianity from all other religions is the fact that Jesus lives and reigns as the only Savior of the world.

We don't need a religion; we need a Savior. Christianity is the faith of the empty tomb, dia displays relics that are a religion centered not on a dead leader but on the living Christ.

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But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Psalm 73:28

The debt limit is dangerous and should be abolished

Congratulations to Congress for avoiding economic catastrophe for another month or so. The Senate voted Thursday night to increase the nation's debt limit by \$480 billion, and the House is expected to do the same early next week. That's just enough money to pay America's bills until Dec. 3, when Congress will likely have this fight all over again while the nation teeters on the edge of default.

Can we get off this idiotic merry-go-round?

The semi-regular debt limit fight is politics at its worst. Why? Because raising the federal debt limit should be a routine, obligatory act by Congress to fulfill the government's basic duty to pay the bills run up by the very same Congress.

Instead, the debt limit has become a prop in Washington's Political Kabuki Theater. One party – usually the GOP – refuses to vote to raise the debt limit, while bemoaning the amount of federal spending and the size of the deficit. The other party scrambles for strategies or concessions to get the votes. While the standoff plays out, the U.S. inches closer to the moment when it runs out of cash and can no

longer borrow to meet its financial obligations, which include Social Security payments and reimbursing hospitals for Medicare patients.

A default could be devastating to the American economy, which is still struggling from the pandemic shutdowns, and trigger a recession. But even if Congress somehow gets its act together and raises the debt ceiling again before December, the constant brinksmanship and last-minute scrambling undermines confidence that U.S. Treasuries are a stable, predictable investment. That could hurt the nation's economy in the long run, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has warned.

"It's led to a series of politically dangerous conflicts that have caused Americans and global markets to question whether or not America is serious about paying its bills," Yellen said Thursday on CNN. That's why she has endorsed eliminating the debt limit. And she's right.

Congress established the debt limit more than a century ago. In theory, it is supposed to encourage fiscally responsible behavior. In practice, the debt limit is largely ignored until the U.S. hits it. That's why the current version makes no sense. The debt limit doesn't actually stop Congress from running up debts. It merely stops the Treasury from borrowing the money needed to pay federal creditors, pensioners, investors and others to whom Uncle Sam owes money.

The debt limit is an irresponsible way to manage the nation's obligations, and it's time to get rid of it.

There is a value in having some mechanism to constrain spending, or at least force a meaningful debate over whether the expense justifies the debt. Over the years, there have been countless proposals to reform or replace the debt limit, such as those from the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the nonpartisan anti-deficit group, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. The core recommendation is to more closely link decisions about spending and borrowing.

But for now, the best course for Congress is to repeal the debt limit, and put an end to this dangerous brinksmanship.

This editorial was originally published in Los Angeles Times.

a dominant gene? By MARK FRANKE Several weeks ago the Wall Street Journal ran an op-ed column entity

Several weeks ago the Wall Street Journal ran an op-ed column entitled "You Are Living in the Golden Age of Stupidity." That got my attention, even without my wife's not-so-subtle hinting I should read it.

Is stupidity

The author, Lance Morrow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, wrote a humorous yet thought-provoking analysis of America's seeming fascination with being and doing stupid. Forrest Gump was right, according to Morrow. Why are we like this?

I blame it on my generation, the baby boomers. What have we not gotten wrong? We were raised in what arguably was the best decade of the twentieth century. Is there anything one can criticize about the 1950s? OK, there was the Cold War but we school children didn't live in constant fear of a nuclear bomb exploding over our playground. We did the hide-under-the-desk drills and then went on with our uncomplicated lives.

Doors and automobiles were left unlocked and kids played throughout the neighborhood while understanding the closest mother was in charge. And yes, back in those days mothers stayed home to provide full time parenting for their own and their neighbors' children.

We were raised by what is now called the Greatest Generation. I beg to differ. America's greatest generation included the 55 delegates who gathered in steamy Philadelphia during the summer of 1787 to produce the most noble governance document ever penned. Still, our parents deserve recognition for growing up during the Great Depression and living through the economic and social disruptions caused by World War II.

Then again, they also raised us.

Talking recently with a group of friends my age, we semi-seriously concluded that the world cannot reverse its downward trend until we all die. Morbid perhaps, but there is some truth in that. Just think about the generations that followed us. In other words, raised by us.

I certainly don't understand all the generation naming conventions, but it is clear to me that each generation seems more self-absorbed and self-entitled than the previous. Perhaps that is just a 70-year-old curmudgeon blaming everything on the young, but I think I have a case.

My career, for my sins, was spent in higher education as a financial and enrollment executive. I recall one freshman orientation program, the day when incoming students were preached the gospel of successful college life. The speaker told the group that they should expect to study two to three hours outside of class for every hour spent in the classroom. "You're s---- me!" a voice resounded throughout the lecture hall. This student, one of the most self-directed generations ever if you believe all that nonsense about millennials, probably never had to do any homework or other work outside the classroom. He was a graduate of a no-fail school system which just kept pushing students along, no matter how much they

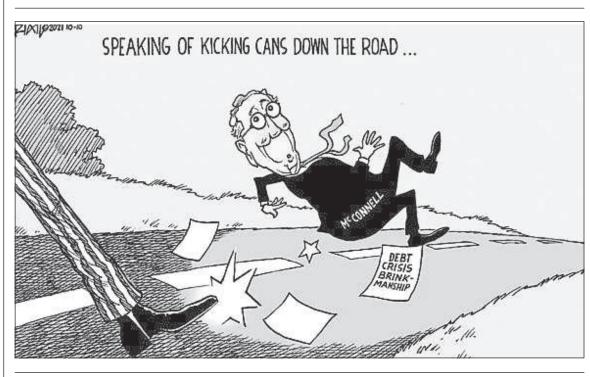
These are the children and grandchildren of us baby boomers. What have we wrought, to fracture Samuel Morse's famous line? We should fault ourselves for how dystopian America has become. The child is the father of the man if Wordsworth had it right. Sure, we blame it on our parents who can blame it on theirs and they on theirs, ad infinitum. I hold to my premise that mine is the generation which ruined everything. Well, almost everything. We probably made something better but nothing comes to mind at present. Consumerist toys don't

In spite of my apparent generalizing above, I don't want to make simplistic assumptions about groups of people who are still individuals even when they appear to be running with the herd. Identity politics is a non-starter in my book and a dangerous one at that. The diversity officer at my university, and we did have one, told me I didn't need his training because I saw each student as an important individual who deserved my help. It was no coincidence that he and I both were devout Christians who believed in equality before God.

I have spent my life trying my best not to drop people into pre-defined buckets, pre-defined by my or others' prejudices. I am hardly perfect but I do try. Not watching mind-numbing cable news helps me focus on seeing everyone as an individual rather than as an automaton acting like the zombies in those horror films we all watched as teenagers. Just because you look like someone else, and every generation has its enforced conventions of dress and speech, doesn't' mean you have forfeited your individual intellect and will. Is this a generalization of my own conceit?

"All generalizations are false," wrote Mark Twain, "Including this one." Exactly.

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COVID and risks of medical care delays

Two decades ago, as a brand-new professor, I worked with a team of researchers studying healthcare access in rural West Virginia. Our goal was to identify ways to measure the effects of missing medical treatment or barriers that might cause patients from following up with healthcare. This research was performed at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health.

As most readers will imagine, it is difficult to isolate the effects of medical care access on patients. People who lack health insurance or fail to seek regular medical care also tend to have other problems that exacerbate poor health. Thus, the statistical tools economists use likely cannot differentiate between a patient's inability to access care, and some other underlying condition related to poverty. This might be as simple as having access to reliable transportation, or the ability to take a whole day off work for a medical checkup.

Medical researchers were not any better off. A randomized control trial might be ideal to test a new treatment, but it is not appropriate for something like healthcare access. Withholding medical treatment for the purpose of evaluating the impact on patients is, in this type of case, a profound ethical violation.

Still, we researchers needed to measure the effects of access in order to determine if it was beneficial or wasteful to send extra healthcare dollars to these rural places. The hospital had limited resources, and it needed to apply them to the places it would provide the most benefit. The director of the center cared only that we did our best to measure the benefits and costs. He didn't care where the money went, only that it provided the most benefit. He was a first-rate researcher and clinician from whom I learned much.

much.
Our research team decided to look for natural experiments within the health records of patients. We were looking for conditions that interrupted normal healthcare. In a mountainous, rural location, I thought transportation problems were most likely, as bridges and roads were often closed. We also looked for the closing of clinics or providers across the state. Neither of these were fruitful, but we did

Michael Hicks



find one unusual event. The sole mammography equipment, which was located in a remote rural clinic, broke and remained unusable for a year. The effects of that incident became the focus of our study.

We pulled every record of every woman who'd visited the clinic in the years preceding the breakage, and everyone who visited for three years afterwards. In the years leading up to the machine breaking, there was steady use of the machine and a nearly constant rate of cancer detections. That diagnostic tool was doing its job

doing its job.

Once the machine failed, the test rate of these women plummeted to near zero. The rate didn't drop to absolute zero; some women visited other facilities, the nearest requiring a round trip of three hours. However, we can assume that in the year that the machine was inaccessible, there were cancers not detected among this population.

Once the machine was repaired, the number of women who received a mammogram at the clinic doubled over the next year. These are women who were seeking treatment close to home rather than making the long trip to the nearest machine. Sadly, the number of cancers detected more than doubled in the months after the machine came back online. This means that many women who deferred diagnostics for breast cancer missed a chance to catch their tumor early, when the disease is more survivable.

This was one incident at a small clinic, but it demonstrated that the absence of this machine locally proved a tremendous barrier to screening. COVID has caused these sorts of interruptions all across the country. It's been 20 years, and I honestly don't recall all the policy results of this study, except that a mobile mammography trailer was purchased and used throughout parts of rural Appalachia. I'd largely forgotten this study until last spring, when my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer. Like many women, her cancer was detected in a routine annual screening.

In many ways my wife was lucky

– if luck is the right way to describe any cancer diagnosis. Her annual screening was delayed by only a few months due to COVID. She was able to reschedule her missed appointment, and the tumor did not have time to grow or spread. Had she delayed screening by a full year or more, her good prognosis might be very different. For many Americans, COVID had similar effects to the broken mammography machine, even if the delays were by choice due to concern about exposure to COVID.

My wife is extremely healthy and is a thoughtful, educated consumer of medical care. She was diligent in rescheduling her physical. The medical office closures and full hospitals played no more than a modest role in her cancer detection and treatment. That won't be the case for everyone. As we think about the longer-term effects of COVID, we must consider how many people have deferred medical care because of the disease.

The closed medical offices and overflowing hospitals will have caused many to delay diagnosis or treatment. For some, the delay will lead to more difficult treatment or an earlier death. For others, it will be an inconvenience that reduces their quality of life. The United States is a large country, so these delays affect tens of millions of Americans. The delay of simple diagnostic services or treatments will be devastating for thousands of these people, but for the fortunate others, it will be merely annoying. All of these will be part of our long struggle with COVID, and will have deep and lingering effects, both personally and economically.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Many local groups, especially our schools, have events designed to raise money and encourage women to schedule their annual screenings. This is surely the most important breast cancer awareness month, coming as it does after 18 months when tens of millions of American women have missed their annual screening. So, this would be a good time to encourage friends and family, or really anyone you know, to get that health checkup they missed during peak COVID.

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The location and description of the property for which the variance has been requested is 144 S. Wabash Street, Wabash, IN 46992. (Legal Description) Part of InLot Number One Hundred (100) in the Original Plat of the Town (Now City) of Wabash, bounded and described as follows, viz: Begin at the southeast corner of said lot; thence north along the east line thereof (and the west line of Wabash Street), twenty-two feet; thence west on a line parallel with the south line of said lot, sixty-six feet to the west line of said lot; thence south along the west line of said lot, twenty-two feet to the southwest corner thereof (and north line of an alley) sixty-six feet to the place of begin-

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CHILDREN ALLEGED TO BE CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES

FELICIA MCCORD (MOTHER)

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

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vices, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, 49 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992 - 260-563-0661 for a(n) Fact Finding Hearing on 12/3/2021 at 2:00 PM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor children are children in need of services and shall enter adjudication ac-

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/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)

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CORY BOWERS (MOTHER) AND ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION &

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING TO: Cory Bowers and Any Unknown Alleged Father Whereabouts unknown

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State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney

within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice /s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)

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In an age in which satire and news often overlap, it was hard to know what to make of this headline: "New York Atheists Claim Religious Exemption From Vaccine After Governor Claims That It's From

This was satire, care of the Babylon Bee website. But the barbed humor focused on real quotes from the governor of New York that raised eyebrows on the cultural left and right.

"We are not through this pandemic," said Gov. Kathy Hochul at a New York City megachurch. "I prayed a lot to God during this time and you know what - God did answer our prayers. He made the smartest men and women, the scientists, the doctors, the researchers - he made them come up with a vaccine. That is from God to us and we must say, 'Thank you, God.' ...

"All of you, yes, I know you're vaccinated, you're the smart ones. But you know there's people out there who aren't listening to God. ... I need you to be my apostles. I need you to go out and talk about it and say, 'We owe this to each other. We love each other."

Clearly, the governor said, getting vaccinated was the best way to obey God in this crisis.

Terry **Mattingly**



the kind of church-state sermonette that should trouble atheists and other secularists.

"Is it a speech that atheists will appreciate? Probably not," she noted. "But as far as a politician using the language of faith to reach an audience that desperately needs to get vaccinated – but might not because other prominent Christians are feeding them lies – it's arguably effective."

If this blast of God-talk from a Democrat like Hochul "helps Christians get vaccinated when some of them might choose otherwise, then perhaps that outweighs any criticisms people may have of her speech," said Stoneburner.

At the same time, Hochul's explicitly Christian remarks on vaccines drew little or no news coverage, as opposed to the media firestorms that often greet faith-based statements by Republicans attempting to win the support of conservative Christians in similar settings.

The governor was using

language that would almost said in the sacred setting in certainly appeal to religious believers in both political parties, noted philosopher Francis Beckwith, who teaches Church-State Studies at Baylor University. Hochul – a liberal Catholic – was also trying to reach out to members of a predominantly African American megachurch.

There was sparse coverage of this speech "because our media are blinded by their systematic secular privilege," said Beckwith, reached by email. The images and arguments used by the governor were "simply incomprehensible to those who refuse to become culturally adept in the vocabulary and concepts of the theologically marginalized the powerful hope to colonize."

It also helps to know that Hochul's appearance took place in a setting frequently visited by Democrats and Republicans alike: Brooklyn's massive Christian Cultural Center. A New York Times profile of its pastor, the Rev. A.R. Bernard, once noted that this "church, the largest in New York City, has long been considered a required stop on the way to City Hall and beyond."

In other words, it wasn't that surprising that the governor said what she

which she said it. However, her remarks were also connected - by timing with the state's decision to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for all health care workers, including those attempting to claim exemptions based on their religious beliefs.

Hochul didn't address that issue at the Christian Cultural Center, but said, "I feel God has tapped me on the shoulder ... because everything I have done in life has been because of the Grace of God leading me to that place." She added that the coronavirus pandemic has only strengthened that conviction.

"Jesus taught us to love one another," stressed Hochul. "How do you show that love but to care about each other enough to say, 'Please get the vaccine because I love you and I want you to live'? I want our kids to be safe when they're in schools, I want to be safe when you go to a doctor's office or to a hospital and are treated by somebody. ...

"We have to solve this, my friends. I need every one of you.'

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Stocks edge lower ahead of company earnings, inflation data

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Wall Street on a wobbly day of trading Tuesday as earnings this week.

The major indexes were wavering between small gains and losses. The S&P 500 was down 0.1 percent as of 3:36 p.m. Eastern. The Dow Jones Industrial Averpercent, to 34,431 and the Nasdaq was flat.

A mix of retailers and other companies that rely on through the rest of the year. direct consumer spending gained ground. Ford rose 3.4 percent and Lowe's rose energy companies also rose, but those gains were offset by several big technology and communications stocks falling. Facebook fell 0.5 percent, AT&T slid 2.3 percent and Google's parent company Alphabet was down 1.7 percent.

closed above \$80 a barrel. Treasury fell to 1.58 percent from 1.60 percent late Columbus Day.

European markets were mostly lower and Asian Index.

markets also closed mostly lower.

The broader market has been choppy for weeks. Stocks edged lower on Investors are trying to figure out how the economy will continue its recovery investors wait for more data with COVID-19 remaining on inflation and corporate a threat and rising inflation potentially crimping consumer spending and corporate finances. The latest round of earnings reports will give Wall Street a clearer picture of how companies fared in the most age slipped 64 points, or 0.2 recent quarter amid a surge in COVID-19 cases. It will also shed some light on how they expect to perform

JPMorgan Chase will kick off earnings for banks on Wednesday. Bank of Amer-0.8 percent. Real estate and ica, Wells Fargo and Citigroup will follow with their latest quarterly results on Thursday.

Investors will also be closely watching the latest updates on inflation from the Labor Department. It will release its Consumer Price Index for September U.S. crude oil prices on Wednesday, which is a gauge of how inflation is The yield on the 10-year pressuring costs for consumers. Additional information on inflation pres-Friday. The bond market sures for businesses will be was closed on Monday for released on Thursday when the Labor Department releases its Producer Price

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and we tally the votes to determine the top three winners of each category, we will begin the voting to select winners. Voting starts on Oct. 23. Winners will be announced on Nov. 20.

American Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunities

The American Red Cross has scheduled a regular blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Richof North Manchester, who is fighting cancer, has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Manchester Elementary School, 301 S. River Road, North Manchester. To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCross Blood.org, call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger classy.org/campaign/ hunger-action-month/ c299182 or https://www.give pulse.com/group/203410.

NMPL plans return of its annual Halloween **Party on Thursday**

The North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) is planning a return of their popular annual Halloween Party from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14. Tacos Los Gordos will be selling a menu of tacos and quesadillas. The outdoor party would be open to every and feature wagon rides, a spooky egg hunt, hand painting, party games and more. Costume categories will include Spookiest, Silliest, Best Duo, Best Baby, Best Group and Best in Show.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited growwabashcounty.com or 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-amonth option will be held Tuesdays including Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March years. Application forms 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. to be considered. Members valley Community Center, 56 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; wishing reappointment must countyymca.org/support Mill St. Also, a blood drive April 26, 2022; and May complete a new application. -y/donate in honor of Kole Adamiec, 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr. IN.gov/uwis or facebook. com/upperwabash.

Fright Night Trolley No. 85 Tour planned

Visit Wabash County has announced the Fright Night Trolley No. 85 Tour. The tour will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, is \$30 per person, and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center in downtown Wabash. You must be 21 years of age or older to sign up. Led by history enthusiast Heather Allen and Wabash County Museum archives director TJ Honeycutt, this tour will explore the continuing tale about the infamous John Hubbard. Snacks and cocktails will be served along the tour. Tickets for the Fright Night Trolley No. 85 Tour are \$30 per person and all-inclusive. This is a tour for those ages 21 and up and participants must be able to walk unassisted, as there will be uneven ground and long walking required. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty. com/trolley-tours or 221 S. Miami St. or call 260-563-7171. Payment is due upon registration.

Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration set for Thursday

Grow Wabash County has announced that MPS Egg Farms has been selected as the 2021 Business of the Year and will be honored during Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. For more information, visit www.growwabash county.com/2021annual dinner, email marketing@

call 260-563-5258.

Two WCS board seats are now open

The city of Wabash is now accepting applications for appointees to two Wabash City School (WCS) board seats. Mayor Scott Long's assistant Bev Vanderpool said the selected appointees will begin service on Jan. 1, 2022, and serve for four are available from Vanderpool through noon Friday, Oct. 29 at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St. Vanderpool said applicants must live within the WCS district viewed in a public meeting.

Annual Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza will return to downtown Wabash

Wabash Marketplace is presenting its fifth annual free Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza on the Miami Street block between Market and Canal streets from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. Wabash Trucking will bring one of its roll-off trucks to dump more than one ton of candy onto Miami Street for trick-or-treaters. Candy will cascade to Miami Street promptly at 5 p.m. and trickor-treaters can collect their candy until 7 p.m. Bachelor Creek Church will present an outdoor Costume Contest at 6 p.m. at Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St. Guests are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to secure spots in the contest. The contest will be judged by age categories and a group/family award. One prize will be awarded per category. Categories include Birth to 2 years, 3 to 6 years, 7 to 12 years, 12-plus/ Teen/Adult and Group/Family. Other events include live music by Adam Strack on Market Street Grill's outdoor balcony, bounce house and glow sticks courtesy of New Song Church, variety of local food trucks, Wabash Fire Department Fire Engine, Wabash Police Department officer and squad car, fall photo booth by Kaleigh M. Photography, life-size elephant sculpture at Modoc's Market, a variety of community vendors on Miami Street and Trolley No. 85 will run a com/upperwabash. route in downtown Wabash. In the case of rain or inclement weather, Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza will be held

from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday,

Oct. 31 in downtown Wa-

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Annual Dash in the Bash 5K planned at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the Annual Dash in the Bash 5K for Saturday, Oct. 30. Registration is open with early bird pricing of \$25. Sign up online or by stopping by the Member Services Desk at the YMCA. Proceeds benefit the Promise Indiana Wabash County Scholarship Fund. For more information, www.wabashcounty ymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountyymca. org. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.wabash email or The applicants will be interjdriskill@wabashcounty ymca.org.

Dr. Ford Home announces 'fun. family-friendly' event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash's trick-ortreat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit Honey wellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' **Forest School** planned

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6 to 13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.

Dick Quigley Music Festival planned for November

The annual Dick Quigley Music Festival has been trick-or-treat hours are from planned for the first and second weekends in November

in Peru. Rob Noftsger's Fascinating Rhythm, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor, has been planned from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. The event will feature "the usual" carry-in dinner. Combo Night, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor and featuring the No Regrets Blues Band, has been planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. Big Band Night, featuring the 19-piece Quigley Jazz Band, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Riverview Event Center, 421 W. Canal St., Peru.

Manchester **Symphony Orchestra** invites entries for concerto competition

In advance of the March 13, 2022 concert, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists to register for its 2021-2022 season concerto competition. Competitors must be enrolled in a high school, home school program, college or university during the fall semester of 2021 to be eligible. The application fee is \$25. There are scholarship awards for high school division winders and cash awards for collegiate division winners. The competition is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Manchester University, and competition winners will perform with the orchestra at 3 p.m. March 13, 2022, during the Trailblazers concert. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Admission is free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as anyone age 18 and younger. Visit www.manchester symphonyorchestra.org buy tickets or register for the competition.

Manchester **Civic Band plans Timbercrest and Peabody live** performances

A Manchester Civic Band performance at Peabody Retirement Community has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retire-Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Manchester **Symphony Orchestra** announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021,

in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

are required.

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453. 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www. divorcecare.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats The local Literacy for Com-

panionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-Editor's note: If you have an

upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or

Next on FDA's agenda: Booster shots of Moderna, J&J vaccines

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and MATTHEW PERRONE **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — With many Americans who got Pfizer vaccinations already rolling up their sleeves for a booster shot, millions of others who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine wait anxiously to learn when it's their turn.

Federal regulators begin tackling that question this week.

On Thursday and Friday, the Food and Drug Administration convenes its independent advisers for the first stage in the process of deciding whether extra doses of the two vaccines should be dispensed and, if so, who should get them and when. The final goahead is not expected for erna and J&J vaccines, exat least another week.

After the FDA advisers give their recommendation, the agency itself will make a decision on whether to authorize boosters. Then next week, a panel convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will offer more specifics on who should get them. Its decision is subject to approval by the CDC director.

The process is meant to bolster public confidence in the vaccines. But it has already led to conflicts among experts and agencies - and documents the FDA released Tuesday suggest this week's decisions will be equally dif-

In one earlier vaccine dispute, the CDC's advisory panel last month backed Pfizer boosters at the six-month point for older Americans, nursing home residents and people with underlying health problems. But CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky overruled her advisers and decided boosters should mer," he is convinced that and levels of virus-fighting compared with those vac-

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TIM ANDERSON U.S. history teacher

as teachers and health care workers, adding tens of millions more Americans to the list.

Some health experts fear the back-and-forth deliberations are muddling the public effort to persuade the unvaccinated to get their first shots. They worry that the talk of boosters will lead people to wrongly doubt the effectiveness of the vaccines in the first

When the FDA's panel meets to review the Modperts will discuss whether a third Moderna shot should contain just half the original dose and what's the best timing for a second shot of the single-dose J&J vaccine.

The panel look into the safety and effectiveness of mixing-and-matching different brands of vaccine, something regulators have not endorsed so far.

An estimated 103 million Americans are fully vaccinated with Pfizer's formula, 69 million with Moderna's and 15 million with J&J's, according to the CDC. Regulators took up the question of Pfizer boosters first because the company submitted its data ahead of the other vaccine makers.

Tim Anderson, a U.S. history teacher at a high school outside Louisville, Kentucky, already had his two Moderna shots months before he came down with COVID-19 in August. While his symptoms hit him "like a sledgeham-

with high-risk jobs such and his girlfriend from the more severe effects of the disease.

The two are now awaiting clearance of a Moderna booster shot.

"Until we can build up enough immunity within our own self and, you know, as a group of humans, I'm willing to do what I need to do," Anderson, 58, said.

The FDA meetings come as U.S. vaccinations have climbed back above 1 million per day on average, an increase of more than 50 percent over the past two weeks. The rise has been driven mainly by Pfizer boosters and employer vaccine mandates.

While the FDA and CDC so far have endorsed Pfizer boosters for specific groups only, Biden administration officials, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, have suggested that extra mains about 80 percent shots will eventually be recommended for most Americans.

In a new review of Moderna's data, the FDA did not indicate Tuesday if it was leaning toward clearing the company's booster. It said vaccines used in the U.S. still provide protection, and it raised questions about some of Moderna's data.

The two initial Moderna shots contain 100 microenough for a booster for healthy people.

A company study of 344 people gave them a 50-microgram shot six months after their second dose, also be offered to those the inoculation saved him antibodies jumped. Mod- cinated longer ago.

erna said the booster even triggered a 42-fold rise in antibodies able to target the extra-contagious delta variant.

Side effects were similar to the fevers and aches that Moderna recipients commonly experience after their second regular shot, the company said.

As for people who got the J&J vaccine, the company submitted data to the FDA for different options: a booster shot at two months or at six months. The company said in its FDA submission that a sixmonth booster is recommended but that a second dose could be given at two months in some situations.

J&J released data in September showing that a booster given at two months provided 94 percent protection against moderate-to-severe COVID-19 infection. The company has not disclosed patient data on a six-month booster, but early measures of virus-fighting antibodies suggest it provides even higher protection.

Even without a booster, J&J says, its vaccine reeffective at preventing COVID-19 hospitalizations in the U.S.

Scientists emphasize that all three vaccines used in the U.S. still offer strong protection against severe disease and death from COVID-19. The issue is how quickly, and how much, protection against milder infection may wane.

In one recent study, researchers compared about 14,000 people who had grams of vaccine each. gotten their first Moder-But the drugmaker says na dose a year ago with 50 micrograms ought to be 11,000 vaccinated eight months ago. As the delta variant surged in July and August, the more recently vaccinated group had a 36 percent lower rate of "breakthrough" infections

Motherhood and the future

The decision to have children has always struck me as an essentially selfish one: You choose, out of a desire for fulfillment or self-betterment or curiosity

Kathryn Lopez



or boredom or baby-mania or peer pressure. to bring a new human into this world. And it has never seemed more selfish than today."

There are a lot of pressures in the world today. But anything that makes a mother wonder if she's selfish has to be one of the utmost evils. The above quote comes from an essay titled "Giving Birth in the End Times." The essay's writer, Emily Holleman, was pregnant during the height of the coronavirus pandemic and living in California at a time of devastating wildfires.

In explaining some of what had led her to consider motherhood selfish, she writes: "From a global perspective, having a child in a developed nation is among the most environmentally unsound decisions you can make – a baby born in the United States adds another 58.6 tons of carbon to the atmosphere per year. ... On the individual level, as fires rage and hurricanes form. as water grows scarce and fields lie fallow, it's hard not to wonder: What kind of future can we offer a child?"

Mercifully, though, this is not her final take. Hope is within her, clearly. She has an "And yet." Holleman shares: "On some level we still believe that a baby, our baby, will bring the world, our world, so much more than his carbon footprint."

Holleman does a beautiful thing in giving voice to her inner turmoil. When I read her words about selfishness, my heart immediately went to mothers of unborn children who frequently think that it would be better to have an abortion than to

"give up" a child to adoption. Adoption is not abandonment – it is a remarkable sacrifice and a gift to an adoptive couple and to the child.

Holleman is transparent about her fears for the future, but also acknowledges that disengaging from all the madness of the world is not a "luxury" she has. "I have no choice but to believe that the future - troubled as it will be ... is still worth living in and fighting for." She adds: "To believe not just in destruction, not just in accruing loss after loss after loss, but in counting blessings. Finding those small moments of joy.'

Religion does not come up in Holleman's reflections, so I suspect it is not a big factor in her life. That absence and our own collective experience of COVID-19 highlights for me the necessity for people who do have hope in God to get out there and live their faith in the world. Christians, for instance, have zero reason to be fearful. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, to live with God eternally. Everything else pales in comparison to this.

Knowing the suffering Jesus endured for us, to annul the finality of death, puts all fear, suffering and injustice in perspective. But in a particular way, we need to make absolutely clear what a gift motherhood is and do everything in our power to make sure that both women and men know that. There is no more important job.

I'm praying that Holleman fully realizes that her motherhood is a beacon of light in the world. And her honesty, too, about how our culture can infect the motherly mind, can do a world of good. We just have to listen, and then help.

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